



What information do I need when I fill out the FAFSA?

You should have the following information and documents with you as you fill out the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA):

- Your Social Security number;
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are providing parent information*;
- Your driver's license number if you have one;
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen;
- Federal tax information or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for yourself and spouse, if you are married, and for your parents if you are providing parent information. If you have not yet filed an income tax return, complete and submit the form using estimated tax information. Use income records for the year prior to the academic year for which you are applying: for instance, if you are filling out the 2006–07 FAFSA, you will need 2005 tax information.
- Records of your untaxed income, such as Social Security benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and veterans benefits, for yourself, and for your parents if you are providing parent information; and
- Information on savings, investments, and business and farm assets for yourself, and for your parents if you are providing parent information.

Also, if you plan to complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, you should apply for a PIN at least three days before filling out the application. If you need to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA, one of your parents should get a PIN as well. You and your parent can apply for PINs at www.pin.ed.gov.

For more information about PINs, go to www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs and read "What is a U.S. Department of Education PIN and why do I need one?" or call **1-800-4-FED-AID** and ask for a copy of *Funding Education Beyond High School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid*.

*Not sure whether you will need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA? Check out "Am I dependent or independent?" at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs or call **1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243)**.